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TRAFFIC ALERT

MOUNTAIN AVENUE ROGER ROAD TO FORT LOWELL ROAD PAVING AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

This is a continuing series of construction alerts that will be issued throughout the construction of the Mountain Avenue – Roger Road to Fort Lowell Improvement Project. These alerts will announce construction, detour and closure information as it effects traffic. Motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians are asked to obey all posted speed limit signs within the construction area and be alert for construction crews and personnel working in the area.

- **Major work along Mountain Avenue has been suspended until January 5, 2009 to ease congestion during holiday travel.**
- **Eastbound and westbound Roger Road is now open at Mountain Avenue.**
- **Beginning on Monday, January 5, 2009, Mountain Avenue between Prince Road and Roger Road will be reduced to one southbound travel lane only. Please note northbound travel on Mountain Avenue between Prince Road and Roger Road will be prohibited. The restriction is scheduled to be in place until April 2009. Crews are conducting water line work, and the current right of way width of Mountain Avenue will not safely accommodate two-way travel and work crews.**
- **Beginning on Monday, January 5, 2009, eastbound and westbound through travel on Limberlost at Mountain Avenue will be prohibited for crews to conduct underground storm drain work. This closure is expected to be in place until January 30, 2009.**

Work hours for the project will be Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please note that the above schedule is subject to change due to inclement weather and/or equipment malfunction. Electronic message boards are in place along Campbell Avenue, First Avenue, Mountain Avenue and Limberlost Road to advise motorists of the above travel restrictions. Motorists and bicyclists are advised to find alternate routes to avoid delays.

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The improvement project began in October 2008 and is being constructed by Borderland Construction, which is under contract with the City of Tucson Department of Transportation. The project consists of the removal, reconstruction, and widening of the existing two-lane street to provide two through lanes, bike lanes, curb, sidewalk, street lights at various intersections, and landscaping.

This \$11 million, two-year-long project, will also include underground storm drain improvements and the relocation of a majority of the overhead utility lines to underground. Modifications to water and sanitary sewer facilities will also be made as part of this project.

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